REMARKS

A Supplemental Translator's Declaration is submitted herewith in reference to the English translation filed June 24, 2004 of the Japanese language document that was filed October 10, 2003 in the present application.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested for claims 1-17 and 26-42 in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 and 26-42 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6-17, and 28-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Endo et al. (US 2004/169653 A1; hereinafter "Endo").

Claims 2-5, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Endo.

Claim 1 is amended to recite: "which is set along the route having been set and which has a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route." Endo fails to teach or suggest this feature of the claim. Endo merely discloses a bird's-eye view display containing a route 104 (paragraph [0049] and Fig. 1). For displaying the bird's-eye view display, map data of the circumscribed rectangular region 73 of the trapezoidal region 72 are extracted (paragraph [0088]). The region 73 may contain the route, but the region 73 is not set along the route and it does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

Similarly, the rectangle region 74 which is clipped from the rectangle 75 to prepare drawing data (paragraphs [0091] and [0092]) is not set along the route and does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

Endo merely discloses a map match process that identifies map data around the current position (paragraph [0065]). The current position may be on the route, but the region in which map data are identified through map match process is not set along the route and does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

Endo merely discloses that the map data of a desired region around a position for which the display is instructed are read from the map storage device 3 (paragraph [0069]). The desired region is not set along the route and does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 is not anticipated by Endo.

Claim 1 is also amended to recite "via a mobile communication network." Endo fails to teach or suggest this feature of the claim. Endo merely discloses that signal lines S1 to S9 may be wireless type signal lines in a navigation system installed in a housing 69 (paragraphs [0051], [0053], and Fig. 17). The signals on signal lines S1 to S9 are not transmitted via a mobile communication network. Rather, the signal lines S1 to S9 are contained in the navigation system housing 69. Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by Endo for this additional reason.

Claims 10, 11 and 17 are not anticipated by Endo for reasons analogous to those for claim 1.

With further regard to claim 11, Endo merely discloses that character strings in a region which is located above the predetermined display height from the bottom side of the display frame or which is more than at a predetermined

distance away from the viewpoint are eliminated and not displayed (paragraph [0030]). The region in which the character strings are eliminated is not set along the route and does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

Moreover, Endo merely discloses that the character strings in the region are eliminated from targets to be drawn. By doing this, a plane background data are not covered by the character string display (paragraph [0030]). Namely, the plane background data are not corresponding to the region in which the character strings are eliminated. Therefore, Endo does not disclose extracting background data corresponding to a second slicing range.

Endo merely discloses that the data clip means 64 operates to select map data on the drawing region and that the drawing command issuing means 65 operates to issue to the graphics processing unit 49 commands for drawing lines polygons, characters, etc. and commands for setting patterns to drawn roads, planes, lines, background data, character data, etc. with indicated colors or patterns (paragraphs [0077] and [0078]). The drawing region on which map data are selected by the data clip means 64 is not set along the route and does not have a fixed width with a predetermined distance from the route.

Therefore, claim 11 is not anticipated by Endo for these additional reasons.

Claims 6-9, 12-16, and 26-42 are allowable over Endo, at least because of their dependence from claims 1, 10, and 11, respectively.

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029267.52835US).

Respectfully submitted,

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